Fulfilment of objectives of Sahitya Academy

†3328. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the objectives for which Sahitya Academy was set up are being fairly fulfilled;

(b) whether there is any dispute in this regard;

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) the details regarding the total number of books in Indian languages and English language which have been awarded during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) During the year 1996 to 2000 the Sahitya Akademi selected 107 works in the languages recognized by the Akademi for various awards. This includes four works of Indian authors in English.

FICCI acting as catalyst for promotion of tourism in India

3329. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a bid to monitor and assist the southern States in formulating tourism friendly policies, FICCI has proposed to set up a regional advisory council on tourism;

(b) if so, whether this proposal was discussed at the national Committee meeting on May 1,2001;

(c) whether FICCI has been acting as a catalyst for the promotion of tourism in India;

(d) if so, to what extent this two-day meeting has formulated a scheme on development of tourism; and

(e) by when they are likely to be implemented?

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